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# COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**Wednesday, the** *6th of August 1930.*
*22nd of Karkadagam 1105.*

The House met at Half-past Eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. K. T. Mathew alone was absent.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

### Training of Nurses.

**61. Mr.C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of institutions in the Medical Department for the training of nurses;

(b) how many were trained as nurses during the last five years;

(c) how many of them have been appointed as nurses in hospitals;

(d) the number of hospitals where nurses have not been appointed;

(e) who do the work of nurses in those hospitals at present;

(f) are the menial servants made to do the work of nurses in hospitals where there are no nurses; if so, are Government aware of the fact that this practice is highly dangerous to the patients?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a)Four; but mainly the General Hospital is the Chief Institution for the training of nurses; but Women's Hospital, Mattancheri, Maternity Hospital and Civil Hospital, Trichur, are also utilised for the training of nurses.

(b) Twenty-four.

(c) All but one.

(d) Seven.

(e) Male and female ward attendants and relations of patients, if any, available are utilised to nurse patients

(f) Menial servants are not made to do the work of nurses.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Is it the idea of the Government to provide nurses to all these seven hospitals where there are none now?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—Yes.

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**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—The answer given to (e) is 'male and female ward attendants and relations of the patients, if any, available are utilised to nurse patients.' Are they qualified for the work?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—They have no technical qualification. But they have practical, elementary knowledge of the method of attending to patients.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Would the new nurses be appointed from Chingam onwards?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—There are no nurses ready. They are to be taken to be trained,—early in Chingam—and immediately they are trained and ready, they will be appointed.

## Management of the Leper Asylum.

**62. Mr.C.J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is finally decided by them to hand over the management of the Leper Hospital at Adur to the Salvation Army; and if so,

(b) when was it decided and what are the terms of reference or agreement between the Government on one side and Salvation Army on the other?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a) Final orders have not been passed in the matter.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer given above.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—At what stage does the idea of transferring the management of the Leper Asylum stand now?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—Final orders will be passed very soon.

**Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Is it decided to hand it over?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—We cannot say, unless we put it down in writing.

**63. Mr.T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the management of the Leper Asylum has been handed over to the Salvation Army; if so, on what conditions; will a copy of the agreement be placed on the table?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—The management of the Leper Asylum has not yet been handed over to the Salvation Army.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—May I know what are the terms for the handing over of the management of the Leper Asylum?

**President.**—A draft agreement has been prepared, and it has not been examined and officially passed. I suppose, I am right, Dr. Verghese?

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